

# ALABAMA STATEWIDE BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN PLAN

IMPROVING BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN MOBILITY IN ALABAMA

2017 Alabama State Collaborative  
Workshop on Walkable Communities

# Purpose of the Plan

- Establish a vision for bicycling and walking as modes of transportation in Alabama
- Help guide investment in bicycle and pedestrian facilities that maximize limited available funding

# Goal of the Plan

- A dynamic document that can be used by planners and roadway designers to identify potential connectivity with local streets and roads
- Focus on bicycle and pedestrian facilities as transportation



# Who are the Largest Groups of Consumers of Bicycle and Pedestrian Transportation?

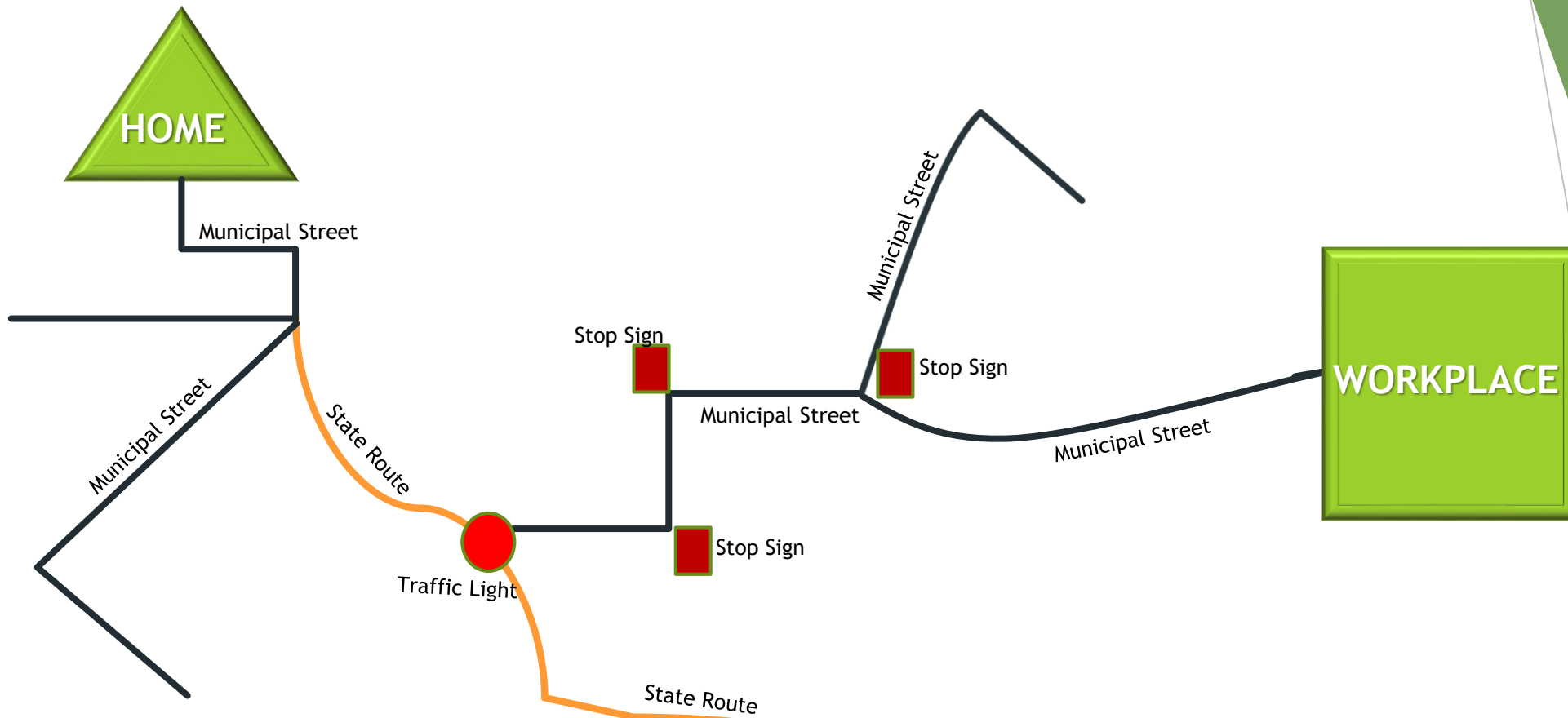
- Homeless
- Low Income

# Bicycling & Walking to Work...

## Think Logically



- Most jobs are in cities and towns
- Cities and towns have municipal streets



# Working Together for Connectivity and Continuity

# Getting Started

- Establish a Project Advisory Committee
- Select people within and outside of ALDOT



# Getting Started

- Who is interested in bicycle and pedestrian transportation?
- Think about it and make a list





# To Name a Few...

- ALDOT
- Chambers of Commerce
- Real Estate Developers
- Non-Profit Organizations serving senior citizens
- Non-Profit Organizations serving impoverished people
- Healthcare Professionals
- Bicycle Clubs & Coalitions
- Economic Development Boards
- City and County Officials
- Safety Organizations

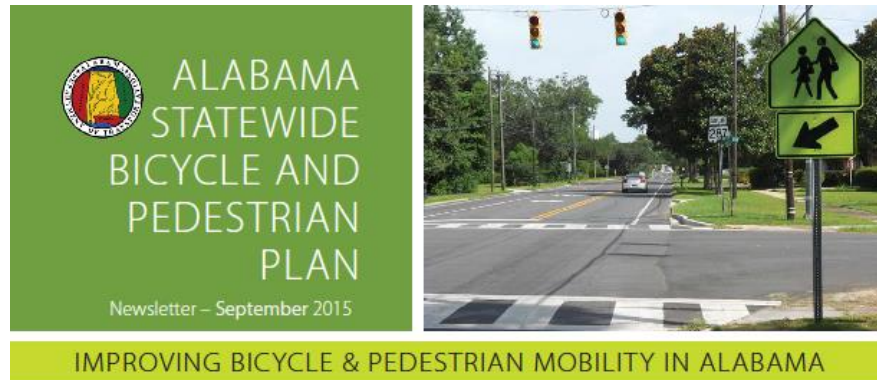
# To Name a Few...

- Hiking Clubs
- Walking Clubs
- Leisure Industries
- Faith Based Organizations
- Bicycle Shops
- Transportation Planners
- Community Development Authorities
- Transit Organizations
- Federal Officials
- Veterans Organizations

# Developing a Database

- A minimum of three email addresses in each county
- Eventually our database grew to 800+
- Established a dedicated email address  
[ALDOTBicycleandpedestrianteam@dot.state.al.us](mailto:ALDOTBicycleandpedestrianteam@dot.state.al.us)





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#### Where are We in the Planning Process?

In July, the Project Advisory Committee held its first meeting and discussed several topics.

- Federal and state plans and policies
- National best practices
- Goals for bicycling and walking in Alabama.

The Project Advisory Committee is a diverse body representing transportation, health, trails, bicycling, conservation and community planning, and economic development organizations. The Committee is scheduled to meet three times during the year-long planning process.

We want to know how we can better serve your walking and bicycling needs. We invite and encourage you to participate in our online survey. Click [HERE](#) to take our survey.



#### Moving Forward

This fall, we will hold five Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan regional public workshops – one in each of the five ALDOT regions. We encourage your participation. Your input about your community's bicycle and pedestrian needs allows all of us to utilize resources more wisely and efficiently. The dates, times, and locations of these workshops will soon be available on the project website.



If you know of others who are interested in bicycle and pedestrian transportation, please encourage them to take the survey located in this newsletter or on the ALDOT website: [www.dot.state.al.us](http://www.dot.state.al.us).

Anyone interested in receiving future email updates and online newsletters may submit their contact information to ALDOT's Bicycle and Pedestrian [Team](#).

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# Created an Electronic Newsletter

- One page
- Contains hyperlinks
- Sent out when new developments occur

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# Online Survey

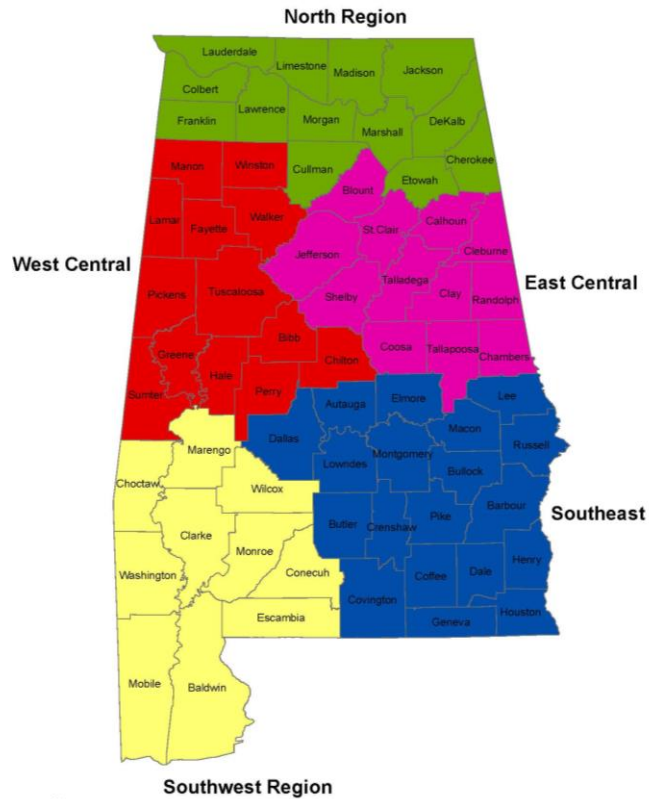
- Posted on ALDOT website
- Distributed announcement to 800+ stakeholder individuals and groups via electronic newsletter
- Received over 1,700 responses
- Used responses to help develop content for regional workshops



# Regional Workshops

- Five open house style workshops - one in each region
- A virtual workshop was placed online for 30 days for people who were unable to attend any of the workshops

# Regional Workshops



- Guntersville
- Birmingham
- Tuscaloosa
- Mobile
- Montgomery

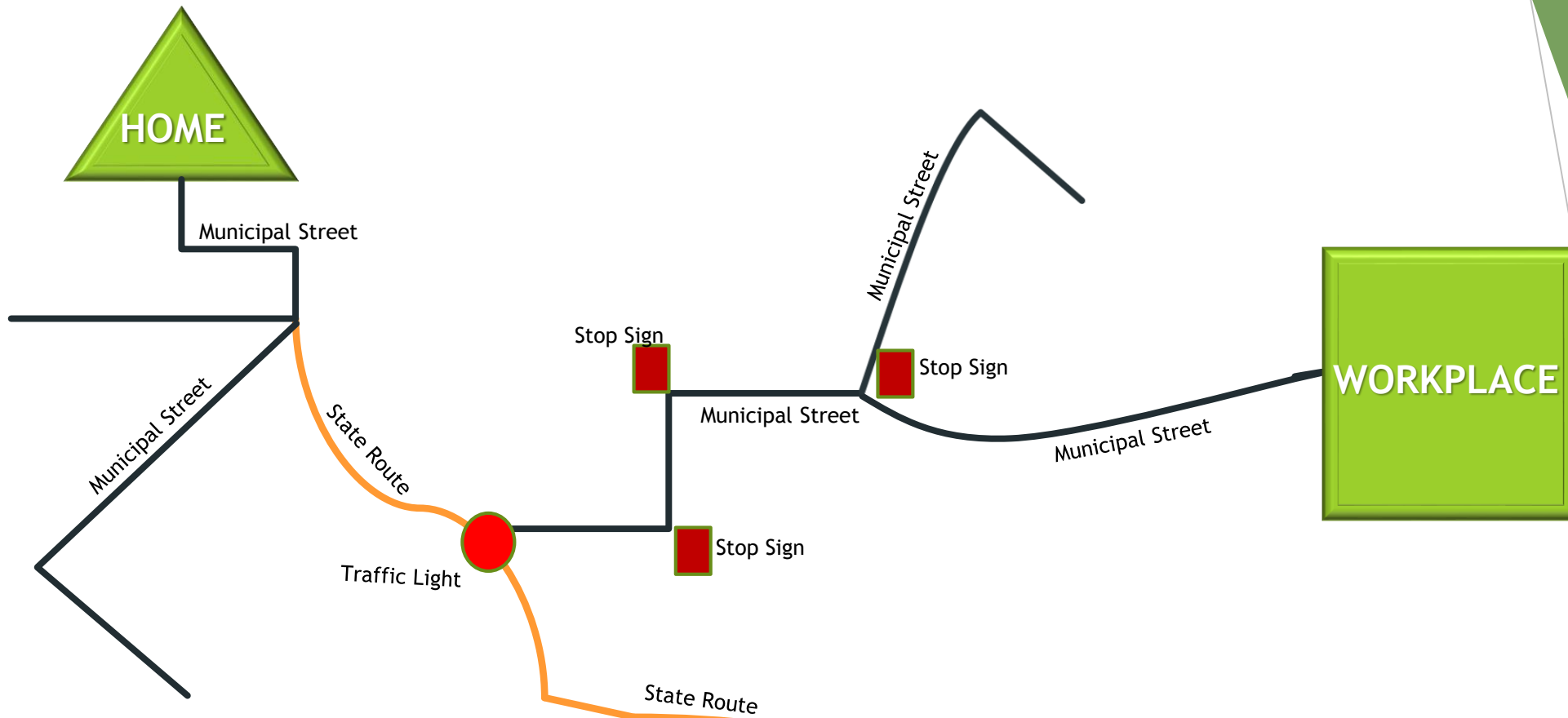
# Feedback from Workshops

- Increasing bicycle & pedestrian facilities for transportation disadvantaged people
- Coordinating with local jurisdictions about planning, design, construction & maintenance of bicycle & pedestrian facilities



# Feedback from Workshops

- Prioritizing improvements and programs to reduce crashes involving bicycles & pedestrians
- Increasing access & connections to goods & services and shared use path networks



# Working Together for Connectivity and Continuity

# Bicycle & Pedestrian Corridor Selection-

- It is about public safety
- It is about bicycle and pedestrian transportation
- It is about connectivity & continuity - making sensible choices



# Beginning the Process of Addressing Bicycle and Pedestrian Transportation



- Assess what's there
- Identify needs
- Evaluate how to go about plan development

# Corridor Selection-Considerations

- Public Safety
- Truck Traffic
- Geometrics
- Right of Way
- Speed
- Other issues that may effect road & bridge suitability for bicycle & pedestrian transportation

# Corridor Selection- Other Considerations

- Potential Shoulders for Bicyclists
- Potential Bicycle Lanes
- Potential for Bicyclists & Motorists to Share
- Potential for Sidewalks
- Potential Road Signage and Signalization

# Videoconference with Regions

## (The Folks in the Know)

- Purpose - solicit input about potential bicycle corridors and potential pedestrian facilities
- Region engineers evaluated potential corridors on the basis of public safety, truck traffic, geometrics, right of way, utility issues & other things that may affect road & bridge design

# Feedback from the Folks in the Know



Has Potential

No Shoulder

Good Route

Narrow ROW

Sharp Curves

Truck Traffic

Utility Issues

Too Hilly

High Traffic

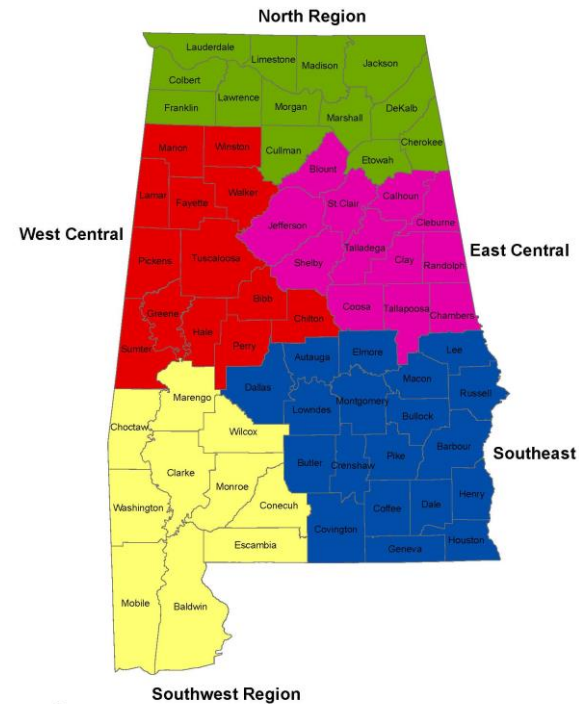
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# Preparing the Final Draft

## Two Key Factors. . .

- Feedback from region engineers
- Feedback from stakeholders



# Draft Plan. . .

## ➤ Eleven Public Involvement Meetings were Held

Grove Hill  
Mobile  
Montgomery  
Troy

Birmingham  
Alexander City  
Anniston

Fayette  
Tuscaloosa  
Tuscumbia  
Huntsville



# Next Steps. . .

- Continue Collecting Comments
- Sort Comments
- Produce Final Product



# Questions?

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